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BISHOP CARRAL TO HEAD
HISPANIC MINISTRIES CENTER

No. 81213

AUSTIN -- The board of directors of an Episcopal Church Center For Hispanic Ministries, representing all of the dioceses of Province VII, has chosen the Rt. Rev. Anselmo Carral to be the Center's first executive director. Carral, currently Bishop of Guatemala, has accepted the election and will take up his new duties as soon as a successor has been chosen for his present office.

Born in Cuba in 1925, Carral earned B.S. and B.A. degrees and studied law before entering the Virginia Theological Seminary. He has received the M.Div., S.T.M. and D.D. degrees from that institution. He served parishes in Cuba and Panama before being elected Bishop of Guatemala in 1973. He is chairman of the Prayer Book Translation Committee and theological consultant to the committee which is preparing a new Spanish Hymnal. He and his wife, Berta, have two married daughters.

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The board of the Center has also delineated the first steps to be taken by the director. They are: to acquaint himself with all programs involving work with Hispanics throughout the province; to gather data on resources available, both of personnel and materials; to set up a mailing list and start publication of a journal which will inform all interested persons concerning needs and opportunities for ministry to Hispanics; to make himself available as consultant to all dioceses of the province; and to identify, for board approval, the next steps to be taken by the Center in support of existing work or in the development of new ventures in ministry to Hispanic people.

The offices of the Center are located on the campus of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest, whose dean is serving as acting director until Carral's arrival. Dean Gordon Charlton has asked for information which would be helpful to the new director, especially short descriptions of current work and the names and addresses of people who are involved in it.

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Norman Notes
BISHOPS SPONSOR
ALCOHOLISM CONFERENCE

No. 81214

NORMAN, Okla. -- The first annual Episcopal Church's House of Bishops' Conference on Chemical Dependency was held here on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in mid-June.

Conferees, mostly Episcopal clergy from throughout the country, were welcomed to the three-day seminar by the Rt. Rev. William J. Cox, assistant bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma and chairman of the conference.

The conference was directed by the Rev. Richard L. C. Virtue, executive director of the Norman Alcohol Information Center and the Southwest Institute for the study of chemical dependency. Citing "intervention" as the chief tool available in responding to the primary disease of alcoholism and addiction, Virtue also stated that "intervention" was a primary tool of evangelism.

The conference was centered on the concept of intervention, a process introduced to the treatment field by the Rev. Vernon E. Johnson, an Episcopal priest who founded the Johnson Institute in Minnesota.

Presentations by Dr. Paula Englander-Golden on Human Emotions, Virgil Simmering, M.D., on "Intervention and Treatment" and Ray Waterbury, M.D., on "Delusional System and Family Illness," filled the three-day conference.

In a panel chaired by Cox, the conference looked at what the Episcopal Church in its various dioceses is doing about the problem of alcoholism and addiction with specific recommendations being made to the House of Bishops Office of Pastoral Development, chaired by the Rt. Rev. David Richards.

Cox in an interview during the course of the conference stated, "This phase of the healing ministry is one of the most important ways of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus' own ministry was replete with healings." He went on to say that he hoped his brother bishops would look at their own attitudes concerning alcohol, alcoholism and drug addiction.

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INSTITUTE GATHERS
ALCOHOL EXPERTS
by David W. Foerster, Jr.

No. 81215

BOSTON, Mass. -- The North Conway Institute -- an interfaith association for education on alcohol and other drug related problems -- commenced its 27th annual assembly in mid-June at Old South Church here. The Institute is chaired by the Rt. Rev. Roger W. Blanchard, bishop emeritus of Southern Ohio and the former vice-president of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

The Institute's president, the Rev. David A. Works, introduced the keynote speaker, Thomas F. Plaut, Ph.D., at the opening luncheon.

Plaut, author of Alcohol Problems -- A Report to the Nation, is presently a special assistant to the director of the National Institute of Mental Health.

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His book reports the research and findings of the National Institute of Mental Health Cooperative Commission. Plaut strongly believes that church groups can be the catalyst in an effort to build a national alcohol policy/consensus.

The conference reconvened at the Adelyrood Conference Center (Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross) in Byfield, Mass., Wednesday evening featuring addresses by Works and Blanchard.

Speakers at the assembly included Gail G. Milgram, Ed.D., director of the Rutgers Center for Alcohol Studies, and Andrew E. Slaby, M.D., Ph.D., psychiatrist-in-chief at Brown University, who is an advocate of short-term crisis intervention -- a process which concentrates on confrontations with reality, focuses on the patient's current situation rather than on past history.

The Rev. John Soleau presented the assembly with theological insights into the nature of alcohol and alcoholism. Charles W. Bryant, former liquor commissioner for the State of Washington and retired vice-president and corporate secretary for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, talked about legal controls, education and the impacts that alcohol has on society.

Works called for a national policy concerning the use of beverage alcohol. Works feels that it is only when responsible attitudes about the use of beverage alcohol exist that significant progress is made in the area of alcoholism.

Blanchard called upon church leaders -- especially his fellow bishops -- to end their "conspiracy of silence" and address themselves to developing responsible attitudes concerning beverage alcohol and the whole pastoral area of chemical dependency. This can begin, suggests Blanchard, by church leaders looking at their own attitudes concerning the use of beverage alcohol.

The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Hall, bishop emeritus of New Hampshire, served as chaplain of the Assembly and preached at the Thursday morning celebration of the Eucharist.

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1982 'AGE IN ACTION'
THEME SET

No. 81216

NEW YORK -- "Gifts of the Generations" has been designated as the theme for Age In Action Week May 2-8, 1982, according to officers of the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging.

The Age In Action resource packet for 1982 is designed by the Society, they note, "to help participants of all ages: (a) to identify their giftedness and affirm it; and (b) to experience sharing their giftedness with one another, both by giving and receiving and (c) to identify and affirm the specific gifts of older adults."

Evaluations and suggestions from congregations around the country have helped shape the 1982 materials. They will be designed primarily for use on one Sunday (or a comparable time period), and will suggest ways to integrate the theme into worship time and space. The materials provide for significant interaction of participants of all ages, since most parishes have adopted this approach in previous years.

The observance of Age In Action Week was begun in 1980 in response to a 1979 General Convention resolution calling on the Church to "affirm the contributions older adults make to the life of the institutional Church."

The designer-writer of the 1982 resource packet is Gary T. Evans, a religious education consultant, who lives in Ironwood, Mich. An Episcopalian, he has previously designed curricula for the Diocese of Northern Michigan, the National Hunger Office, and a number of parishes in several dioceses. He is co-author of a book about adult church education, Equipping God's People.

The packets will be mailed to every congregation early in January. They will include a "Guide for Preliminary Planning" and "A Training Session for Leaders."

For congregations that wish resources for group-graded classes, an order form for these materials (originally offered in 1980) will be included.

For more information, contact the Episcopal Society for Ministry on Aging, R. D. #4, Box 36, Milford, N.J. 08848, (201)995-2885.

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PANEL COORDINATES
FAMILY RESOURCES

No. 81217

NEW YORK -- A Family Life Committee has been established by an Episcopal Church commission to create and disseminate resources on family life and policy for congregational and diocesan use.

The committee is the latest step in a process that began in 1977, was broadened in a 1978 Conference on Families and won support from the 1979 General Convention. One result of this activity was that Episcopalians were able to play a wide-ranging role in the planning that went into the White House Conference on Families last year.

The panel will be charged with implementing the Family Life Conference recommendations, and developing guidelines for the Venture in Mission Family Project which won Executive Council funding support in February. Their work will involve developing a parish resource notebook and identifying people and programs that can aid congregations in this ministry.

The committee is a task force of the National Commission on Social and Specialized Ministries, whose members represent a wide range of concerns related to families: Portia Johnson, women's issues; Harriett Hayes, Christian education; the Rev. William J. Winterrowd, Episcopal social agencies; the Rev. Arthur Lee, congregation and diocesan concerns; Mr. David Cramer, minorities. The Rev. Martin Tilson, who chaired the 1978 conference, is the chairman and the Rev. Jay Dean is consultant to the committee. Woodrow W. Carter, officer for social welfare, is the staff coordinator for the Episcopal Church Center.

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EPISCOPAL WOMEN'S HISTORY
PROJECT BEGINS WORK
by Salome Breck

No. 81218

NEW YORK -- The first official session of the Episcopal Women's History Project in its newly loaned quarters took place in mid-June, when members of the board of directors and steering committee met at General Theological Seminary here. The Seminary has designated a room for the use of the Project. It will serve both as office space for a part-time secretary and as a meeting place for the entire group.

"This sharing of space by General is one of several kinds of assistance which have come our way, and for which we are most grateful," said the new president of the Project, Joanna Gillespie of San Francisco. "Another is the 'strong endorsement' we were given by the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, which is also serving as a sponsor for our new organization. Our most recent resolution of support came from the Episcopal Communicators, most of them editors of diocesan and national publications, when they met in Sierra Madre, Calif., in June. We most enthusiastically endorse the value of their help."

At their meeting June 1-5, the Communicators gave unanimous approval to a resolution which noted that "Whereas the role of women in the Episcopal Church is an untold story," the Communicators resolve to "proclaim our enthusiastic support for the Episcopal Women's History Project, and pledge our assistance at all necessary levels, in the collection, organization and publication of the historical data necessary to further the ends of this important enterprise."

The Project began in August 1980 with a meeting in New York City. Some 30 women gathered with Gillespie and Mary Donovan of Arkansas, the originators of the idea, to discuss the need for such an undertaking and ways in which the organization could be put together. A steering committee and board of directors were chosen and Betty Gray of New York City was elected convenor.

The group plans to research, write and eventually publish the history of noteworthy women of the Episcopal Church, not only those well known in national and diocesan circles, but the "everyday saints." These stories have never been recorded. Several area sessions have taken place, and soon the group hopes to have a chairman working in every diocese.

The project's first newsletter will be published this fall and will be mailed to all paid-up members.

Donovan will speak, explaining the History Project, when the Women's Task Force meets in Indianapolis Nov. 5-8. A national meeting for the entire membership is scheduled for Austin, Tex. at the Church's national archives, June 1-3, 1982.

Membership is \$10.00. Checks should be made to the Episcopal Women's History Project, and mailed to the project at General Theological Seminary, 175 Ninth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10011.

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PICTURE CAPTION

Seabury Book Benefits Church Fund

No. 81219

#81219 Before fire gutted St. Luke in the Fields, New York, in early March, the historic church was being used as background for a Seabury Press Book, "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God," and the Episcopal Church publishing house has responded to that coincidence by agreeing to donate profits from the book's sale to the reconstruction fund for the church. Judith Gwyn Brown's book illustrates a mischievous children's choir performing a pageant based on the popular children's hymn. The book, rich in detail of the choir, depicted saints and the well-remembered interior of the Church, is scheduled for August publication by Seabury Press at \$5.95.

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

No. 81220

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- Marguerite Marie Myrthil Garnier, wife of the Rt. Rev. Luc A. J. Garnier, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, died July 29 after a long illness. A requiem mass was celebrated at Holy Trinity Cathedral here on July 31. She is survived by the bishop and their five children.

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NEW YORK -- Geraldine Rennie, retired Episcopal missionary to China, died at the Amsterdam Nursing Home here at the age of 99 on June 21, following several years of poor health. She went to China in 1917 and was appointed a missionary in 1920. She was stationed in Shanghai as an evangelism worker until 1932 when she returned to the United States for health reasons. Following her retirement in 1940 she made her home in New York City. She is survived by a brother, Robert Rennie.

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SEWANEE, Tenn. -- Edward McCrady, Ph.D., 74, vice chancellor of the University of the South here from 1951 to 1971, died July 27 at a local hospital nine days after being stricken with a heart attack. A widely respected scientist, he taught at the University following his retirement as vice chancellor. He was also a violinist, portrait painter, sculptor, and translator of the classics. The Canton, Miss., native received his doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania. His wife, Edith Dowling McCrady, and three sons and a daughter survive. Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church said of him, "Dr. McCrady's life has been a witness to the important relationship between Christianity and education. His leadership in years past has set a high standard for us to follow as we continue to pursue the role of the Church in our nation's educational scene."

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LOS ANGELES -- Julie B. Hairston, a staff writer for The News and Daily Advance of Lynchburg, Va., and an Episcopalian, has been selected as the outstanding religion reporter in the country for newspapers with a circulation of 50,000 or less. She received the 1980 Louis Cassels Memorial Award from the Religion Newswriters Association, a professional organization of more than 125 reporters who cover religion for secular newspapers, wire services and news magazines in North America. Other award winners were Richard N. Ostling of Time magazine and Lilla Ross of the Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union, who shared the James O. Supple Memorial Award for publications of more than 50,000 circulation. The Providence, R.I., Journal-Bulletin was the recipient of the Harold Schachern Memorial Award for a religious page or supplement.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- The Rev. Jerome F. Politzer, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Monterey, Calif., has been elected president of The Prayer Book Society. A committee has been formed by the board of directors to nominate someone to serve as full-time executive officer of the society, whose headquarters is located at the Wetherby House here. Politzer succeeds Dr. Benjamin Alexander who resigned in order to develop a religious studies program and to be professor of English at Hillsdale College in Michigan.

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